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1. The Yugoslav Government has decided to proceed with the pre-war plan to construct a new port at Malinska, on the Island of Krk, which eventually will become the largest in the Mediterranean, with a capacity of 40 million tons a year. Dr. Ante Mardic, former regent appointed by King Peter in 1945 and chief protagonist of the new port, visited Malinska with Marshal Tito the last time the latter was at Brione and promised that work on this project would begin during 1950. The port will not attempt to replace Rijeka, which will continue to serve Slovenia, but will be used as the main outlet for the entire northern and eastern part of the country.
2. To connect the port with the mainland by rail, two bridges will be built. One, from Kraljevica to the Island of San Marco, will be 420 meters in length. The railroad will pass through San Marco via a tunnel and then cross another bridge, 276 meters in length, to the Island of Krk. Because of the shortage of steel, the bridges are to be built of reinforced concrete.
3. In conjunction with this port, a new railroad line will be built linking Rijeka-Draljevica-Novi-Ledenice, via two tunnels at Ostrije-Slunj-Bihac. The railroad line from Bihac-Tuzla-Belgrade is now being made into a double track.

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